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- Basin No. 6 is the Paris Commune Shipyard, formerly called Shipyard No. 13. There is no new construction in this shipyard. However, the hulls of vessels built in Gdansk are outfitted here and other vessels are repaired. This yard had four dry docks in February 1953, namely: a dry dock about 180 meters long and 30 meters wide; a dry dock about 150 meters long and 30 meters wide; a dry dock about 125 meters long and 25 meters wide; and a small, new dry dock about 50 meters long and 15 meters wide. During the period of observation the Polish twin-screw seagoing tug SMOK was in dry dock for repairs. A Polish minesweeper was in dry dock for repairs.

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- Two former German merchant ships, which had been left behind as wrecks in or near one of the Polish ports, are being repaired at the quay on the easternmost side of Basin No. 6. Source estimated these ships to be of about 4,000 gross register tons. The vessels had already been fitted with two masts of four booms each, and with the stack. The ships' steel work had been completely red-lead. According to what informant heard, these ships were to be delivered to the Soviet Union.
- The Polish destroyer BURZA was being fitted out at the shipyard quay on the northwest side of Basin No. 6. This destroyer had been brought to Gdynia as a wreck during the course of 1949. Informant does not know where this wreck was salvaged. Insofar as he was able to learn, the ship, which was still rust-covered, had only deck houses. He observed no masts, armament, radar, or the like. He estimated the vessel to be of approximately the same size as the BLYSKAWICA.
- Astern of the BURZA along the same quay there was a merchant ship of the same class as the SAN and NISA (Polish ships). This merchant ship was to be delivered to the Soviet Union. He estimated this ship to be of the coastal type of about 500

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gross registered tons. The ship had been built in Gdansk and was being fitted out in Gdynia.

5. There is a small shipyard, called the Stocznia Rybacka (Fishing Shipyard) in the northwestern corner of Basin No 2, located in the southeastern part of the port area. Insofar as Informant was able to learn, this shipyard is used exclusively for the construction of wooden fishing cutters for the Polish Baltic fishing fleet. This shipyard is also used for fitting-out work on merchant ships with wooden components, such as decks, etc.

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